



Colonel Paul M. Paolozzi – Commander, 18th Engineer Brigade

Colonel Paul Paolozzi is from Utica, New York. Colonel Paolozzi earned his commission in the Corps of Engineers as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Utica College of Syracuse University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management. He received his first Master of Science degree in Counseling and Leader Development from Long Island University at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1995. Colonel Paolozzi also earned a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, National Defense University in 2008.

Colonel Paolozzi's initial assignments were as a platoon leader in the 15th Engineer Battalion; and afterwards as a bridge platoon leader and Executive Officer in the 73rd Engineer Company during Operation Desert Storm. His subsequent tactical assignments included command of the 23rd Engineer Company at Fort Richardson, Alaska; Operations Officer of the 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division during a deployment to Kosovo; and the 3rd Infantry Division Engineer Brigade during the deployment to Kuwait in 2002. Colonel Paolozzi commanded the 864th Engineer Battalion and Task Force Pacemaker under the 18th Engineer Brigade in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2006.

Colonel Paolozzi's non-tactical assignments include United States Corps of Cadets Training Officer and Tactical Officer in Company C2 at the United States Military Academy at West Point; Joint Staff Intern in the J5 Directorate of the Joint Staff; Executive Officer of the Army Initiatives Group, G3, HQDA; Aide-de-camp to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, General John M. Keane; Congressional Fellow with duty in Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's Office; Special Assistant to the I Corps Commander at Fort Lewis, Washington; and Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs).

Colonel Paolozzi's awards include Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC). He has also earned the Combat Action Badge, Army Sapper Tab and was recognized with the Bronze DeFleury Medal and the Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award in 1993.